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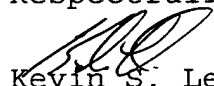
A Communication from the Examiner dated August 27, 2001 advising us that the above application has been suspended for a period of 6 months.

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